

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
CITY OF HOMER
CITY OF KENAI
CITY OF SELDOVIA
CITY OF SEWARD
CITY OF SOLDOTNA**

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2014 - 01

**A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA
BOROUGH, COUNCILS OF THE CITY OF HOMER, CITY OF KENAI, CITY OF
SELDOVIA, CITY OF SEWARD AND CITY OF SOLDOTNA, REQUESTING THE
ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES HOLD ITS 2017 UPPER COOK INLET FINFISH
MEETING ON THE KENAI PENINSULA.**

WHEREAS, Upper Cook Inlet Finfish issues are vitally important to, and directly impact residents, municipal governments and communities on the Kenai Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, many local residents and businesses of the Kenai Peninsula depend on, participate in, and are otherwise affected by decisions made by the Board of Fisheries with regard to subsistence fisheries, sport fisheries, commercial fisheries, personal use fisheries and conservation measures in Upper Cook Inlet; and

WHEREAS, when making informed decisions regarding finfish issues in Upper Cook Inlet, the Board of Fisheries should consider the comments and interests from residents of the Kenai Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, the costs and travel time to attend meetings outside the Kenai Peninsula pose a significant burden to local residents, limiting participation and the Board of Fisheries' ability to benefit from local knowledge; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Board of Fisheries has not held its full Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meeting on the Peninsula since 1999 despite numerous requests that it do so; and

WHEREAS, holding the meeting on the Kenai Peninsula would show local residents, businesses and communities that the Board of Fisheries listens, cares about and understands the local impacts of its decisions; and

WHEREAS, there are local quality venues of sufficient size with advanced technologic capabilities to host public meetings, as well as exceptional lodging and dining opportunities on the Kenai Peninsula;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY, AND THE COUNCILS FOR THE CITY OF HOMER, CITY OF KENAI, CITY OF SELDOVIA, CITY OF SEWARD AND CITY OF SOLDOTNA:

Section 1. That the Alaska Board of Fisheries is respectfully and strongly urged by the Kenai Peninsula municipal governments representing their constituents to hold the full 2017 Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meeting on the Kenai Peninsula.

Section 2. That this Joint Resolution be forwarded to Governor Sean Parnell, Senator Peter Micciche, Senator Gary Stevens, Speaker Mike Chenault, Representative Kurt Olson, Representative Paul Seaton, Governor's Chief of Staff Mike Nizich, Department of Fish & Game Commissioner Cora Campbell, Alaska Board of Fisheries Members – Karl Johnstone, Orville Huntington, Susan Jeffrey, John Jensen, Fritz Johnson, Thomas Kluberton, Reed Moriskey, Alaska Board of Fisheries Executive Director Glenn Haight

Section 3. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon approval by the participating city councils.

APPROVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS * DAY OF *, 2014.

HAL SMALLEY,
ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

Johni Blankenship, Borough Clerk

APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMER this * day of *, 2014.

MARY E. WYTHE, HOMER MAYOR

ATTEST:

Jo Johnson, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENAI this * day of *, 2014.

PAT PORTER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Sandra Modigh, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA THIS * DAY OF *, 2014.

KEITH GAIN, SELDOVIA MAYOR

ATTEST:

Mary Klinger, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEWARD, THIS * DAY OF *, 2014.

JEAN BARDARSON, SEWARD MAYOR

ATTEST:

Johanna Kinney, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOLDOTNA, this * day of *, 2014.

NELS ANDERSON, SOLDOTNA MAYOR

ATTEST:

Michelle M. Saner, City Clerk
